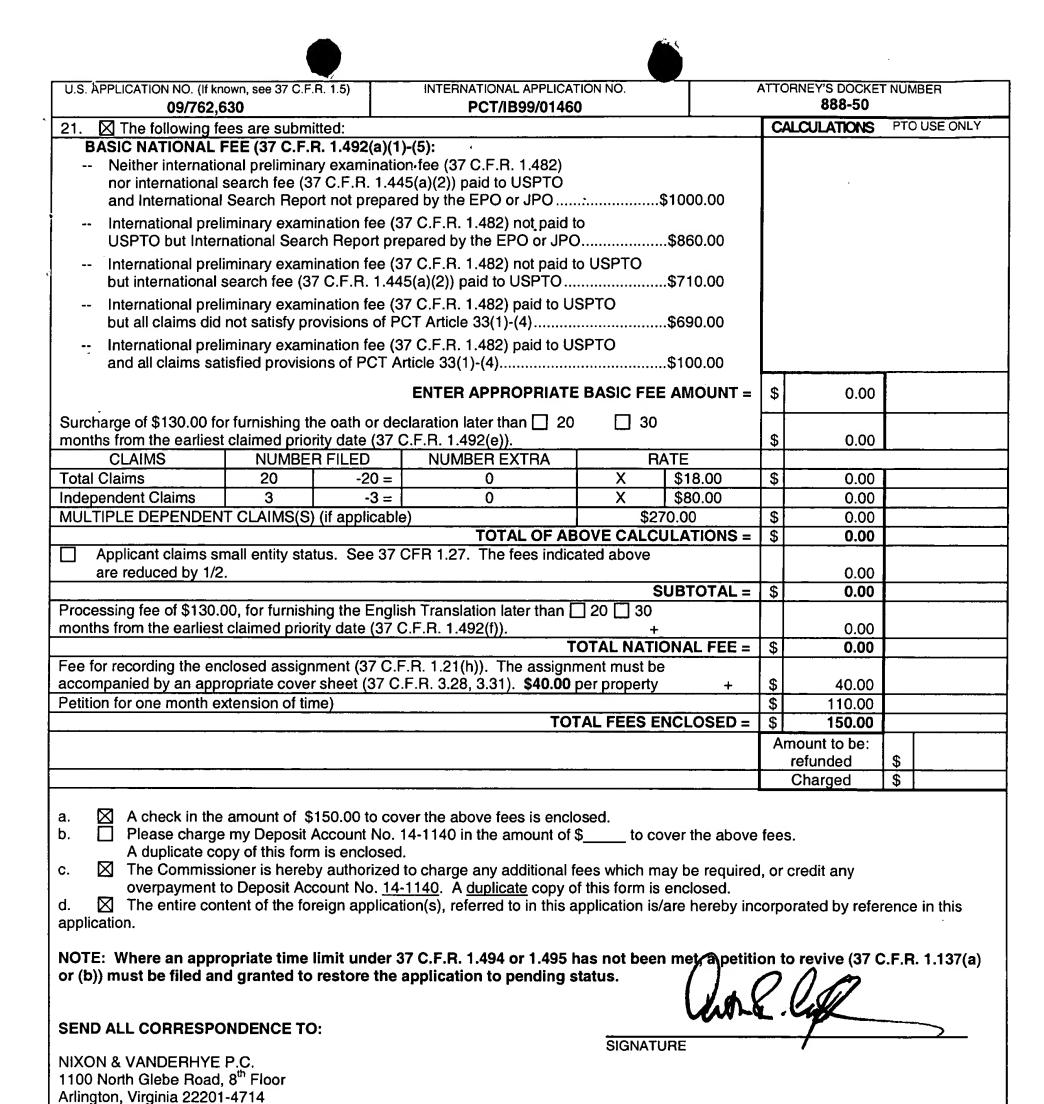
OMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT (REV 14-2000) TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 09/762,630 CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PCT/IB99/01460 12 August 1999 12 August 1998 TITLE OF INVENTION NIMESULIDE CONTAINING TOPICAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US EMBIL et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. X This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include 3. items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. The U.S. has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31). 4. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). C. jΠ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). is attached hereto. a. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). b. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). a. have been communicated by the International Bureau. b. C. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. \boxtimes An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. A English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 To 20 below concern document(s) or information included: An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. \boxtimes An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included. A FIRST preliminary amendment. 13. 14. П A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. A substitute specification. 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. **17**. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Other items or information.



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